

Dillon Resource Management Plan

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This is the fifth in a series of update letters you'll be receiving as we move through the planning process and develop an RMP for BLM managed public lands in the Dillon Field Office.



If you received this letter, you are on our mailing and/or email list. If there is a problem with your address information, or you would like to be removed, please contact Louise Bruce at (406) 683-8022 or send an email to MT_Dillon_RMP@blm.gov. The BLM Dillon Field Office address is 1005 Selway Drive, Dillon, Montana 59725. If you know of someone who would like to be added to the mailing list, pass this information on and have them contact Louise or the email box.

You may also visit our website at www.mt.blm.gov/dfo/rmp.

We are sending this short update to keep you informed on where we are with the Dillon RMP. **If you know of someone who would like to be added to the mailing list, pass this information on and have them contact Louise Bruce at (406) 683-8022.**

Where We Are

In our November 2002 *Update*, we notified the public of planning schedule changes to accommodate an additional public involvement step in development of the Dillon RMP.

Our goal, along with our partners from Beaverhead and Madison Counties, was to use the extension to provide the public with an additional opportunity to review baseline information prepared by the planning team, and to suggest alternative ways of managing the public land resources in the

Dillon planning area.

Baseline information was released in January 2003 in a document called the *RMP Digest*. This document was posted on our website and mailed to over 500 people on the RMP mailing list. Focus questions to assist the public in providing comments useful to the planning team were also developed and released.

In February, the Montana Consensus Council along with Beaverhead and Madison Counties hosted nine

Focus Question Workshops.

These workshops were held throughout southwest Montana to gather responses to the questions and input on alternative development.

The Council and the Counties are currently summarizing responses and will provide this information to the planning team in early April for consideration as they pull alternative management strategies together for the BLM lands in the planning area.

February 2003 Workshop Attendance

Widely publicized workshops were held in nine communities in February to hear responses to focus questions developed by the planning team.

After introductory remarks about the *RMP Digest* process, time was spent look-

ing at travel planning maps, and reviewing and considering the focus questions. Small group breakout sessions followed.

Many people liked the structure of the meetings, but thought it took too long to go through the questions. Others

were disappointed that more BLM staff were not available at these sessions.

Estimated attendance at each of the meetings (not counting facilitators or BLM and County representatives) are provided below.

Workshop Attendance					
Butte	February 4	9	Bozeman	February 13	28
Dillon	6	15	Twin Bridges	25	0
Ennis	11	9	Missoula	26	4
Jackson	12	2	Harrison	27	14
Lima	13	10			

Acronyms In This Update

BLM
Bureau of Land Management
RAC
Resource Advisory Council
RMP

Western Montana RAC

As reported in previous *Updates*, the BLM's Western Montana Resource Advisory Council (RAC) has been involved in the planning process by convening subgroups to work on specific planning topics.

Maps generated by work done by the RAC travel subgroup were avail-

able at the Focus Question Workshops so the public could see the results of their recommendations.

The RAC has also requested review of the summary of responses from the focus question workshops and written comments to determine whether they want to endorse any of the alternative

development suggestions for BLM's consideration.

Comprised of 15 members representing diverse interests, the Western Montana RAC is officially sanctioned by the Secretary of the Interior to provide advice to the BLM on public land management issues.

Want to Know More?

On the Web: You can visit our website at www.mt.blm.gov/dfo/rmp. We update this site with new information as we develop it, and you can find previous releases of *Updates* and other information.

Over the Phone: We have a toll-free number that you can call to hear the latest information on particular topics. Dial 1-877-521-2889 and select your options from the menu.

In Person: Call us with your questions. Contact Louise Bruce at (406) 683-8022 or Renee Johnson at (406) 683-8016 and they will answer your questions or put you in touch with someone who can.



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